

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Ponnoreay Pich
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ALEX J. DRAUGHONE ET AL.	)	T/C Art Unit: 2135
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Application No.: 10/601,468	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 7233
Filed: June 23, 2003	)	
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For: SECURING MESSAGE CENTER	)	May 18, 2007

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Office Action dated April 19, 2007, imposed a restriction requirement in the above-identified application, requiring that the present application be restricted to one of the following groups:

- Group I: Claim 1-8 are drawn to a method and database for facilitating access to messages, classified in class 726, subclass 26.
- Group II: Claim 9-12 are drawn to a method to allow customers to access private messages, classified in class 726, subclass 28.

In response, the claims identified in Group I are hereby provisionally elected, namely Claims 1-8.